

I think the Board will without doubt take
such action as will throw off all Slaveholding
sympathy - whether they will secure all Anti-Slavery
sympathy is more doubtful - There will be
a strong effort made to absorb all the Anti-
slavery that is evangelical - The Comonisters
will not be regarded of course - The friends of the
Mercurius should be prepared to meet the
case in its worst features - for there doubtless
will be some discussion - And our
view of the matter should be ably presented
I wish that you thought it consistent to
take part in the discussion & give your
view of Practice of the Apostles - for this
matter was handled in Dr Woods report &
so in Dr Stowes - It will be a fine opportunity
perhaps to gain the ear & hearts of thousands
to a more correct interpretation of the Gospel
& I do hope you will not let it slip

— If the Board do take fair ground (not to say
high ground) — another organization can
succeed better not to assume a lastto position
but appear to approve the Board — & give
other reasons for a new organization
which may be done in Truth —

Shall endeavor to be at Mr Sappins Maneader
Morning — — — — — Yours Respectfully
Rev A A Phillips

M. M. Fisher

Mr. M. Fisher, M.D.

preceding the meeting of the Board —
Mr. Sanford said to them that unless they
embodied the sentiments of his Report the
should present a minority Report —

He seems to be firm now & I hope he
will be at last — He has however strong hopes
of their being unanimity — He says there
has been great advance since the meeting
last year — & that there is an evident desire
to meet the wishes of all reasonable Abolitionists
— Dr. Wood is fairly coaxed over — While in
Boston he says it was rumored that a memorial
was going to be sent from Connecticut on the
ground of Mr. Ringberg, being a Slaveholder
Mr. Green has a letter from Mr. K — stating the
fact that since he has been ~~Commissioner~~ he has
brought 3 slaves at their request & allowed them
to work for their freedom — The Board interposed
to prevent the continuance of such a practice
& he has not but any since — one of the three
is now very old — he has offered to turn his freedom
on the only legal condition that of leaving the
nation — which he declines to do — He says he
has no claim upon the Slave &c &c —

— By the way the Worcester Association informed
the Committee by Mr. Bardwell that they had
adopted a memorial to the Board on the subject
of this Mission & had taken the ground 18 to 1
that the Board should oppose the reception of any
more Slaveholders into the Mission Churches,
high ground indeed — what an advance

Board Should class Slavery with other sins &
exhort the missionaries to do the class it & to
treat it & endeavor to remove it as they would
other sins — Dr Pond though never known as an
abolitionist was for excommunicating the
Slaveholders in the Church & admiring
no more — quite ultra — Dr Tappan concurred
with Dr. Lee & Hovey — Mr Sanford took the
same ground — Mr McLane said they did not
any of them feel half enough on the subject
the evils of Slavery will not realize as they
ought to be — though he was born a Slaveholder
& reared in the midst of Slavery — he knew it
only to abhor it — he was for a strong declaration
— his view had changed much within the past
year — Judge Williams began with a good deal
of warmth against the abolitionists — thought
if there were the sentiments of the Committee
he was sure they could not harmonize
— He provoked discussion & Dr Stowe was
quite severe upon the judge till at the private
suggestion of Mr Green that he could not communicate
an old man so — he desisted & the Judge
at length took back some things yielded
& modified somewhat — shaped for Union
finally after striking out something from
Mr Green's Report they chose a Sub Committe
ee of Dr Stowe Mr Green & Dr Woods
(who said he must be passive) to amendify
or draft anew a Report to be presented
on Tuesday Morning at Brooklyn

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Dear Sir

I have just had an interview with Mr. Sanford who has recently met the Committee of the A.B.C.F.M. on the subject of my Memorial to the Board. He reports that seven of the Committee were present. Dr. Tyler, Chancellor Wallworth, & Mr. Pomeroy - were absent -

They each gave their views in writing to some extent except Judge Williams - Dr. Woods had prepared a very elaborate Report by no means satisfactory to any body - and as he had been previously advised (doubtless) did not appear stran to have his views adopted - expressed himself willing to give the matter up to other hands - & would yield to others - Mr. Green had a well written document which condemned Slavery as an Institution very fully - yet had some apologies for individual cases - for the messengers &c - which were hardly satisfactory to the Abolitionists - Dr. Stowe thought the Detroit Convention had pitched the town ^{about right} just, on Slavery - & as to the missionaries they knew best how to treat the particular cases of Slavery that existed in their churches - thought the apostles were very liberal towards churches involved in Social evils - Dr. Tappan had previously advised with Dr. Ide, Dr. Hawes & Dr. Pond - Dr. Ide & H took similar ground - that the